



EXHIBIT B

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/791,301

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Art Unit

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) S. Zitomer, Examiner

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(2) Barry Swanson For Applicant

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Date of Interview Aug 30, 2002Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal (copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No. If yes, brief description:Copy of amendment and response to Restriction Requirement for election of a single nucleotide sequence was faxed to the examiner on August 26, 2002.Claim(s) discussed: N/A

Identification of prior art discussed:

N/AAgreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Discussed were applicant's arguments set forth in the response to USPTO requirement for restriction of examination to single or up to 10 nucleotide sequence inventions. The arguments are based on the close sequence similarity of nucleic acid ligands to a particular target and on the futility of searching extant coding sequence databases in view of applicant's experience of absence of significant hits in hundreds of searches. The latter was corroborated by examiner from past searches of hundreds of nucleic acid ligand sequences by STIC prior to current restriction practice. Pursuant to discussion with SPE Gary Jones, examiner determined to exercise examiner discretion in restriction practice and require 5 nucleic acid ligand sequences to be selected by applicant in all present and future nucleic acid ligand applications in which claims contain nucleotide sequences. The selected sequences will be searched by STIC to demonstrate for the record the absence of hits on prior art non-nucleic acid ligand sequences.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

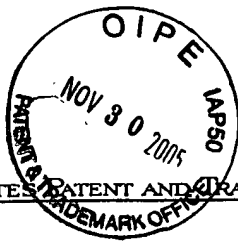
i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

STEPHANIE W. ZITOMER
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner's signature, if required

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.



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